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PROCESSING OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made a 10 year plan to enhance the level of processing of fruits and vegetables from the present 1.8% to 10%;

(b) whether any estimates has been made of the investment to achieve such targets of processing of fruits and vegetables;

(c) if so, the details of financial requirements for this purpose;

(d) whether the Government have identified the likely sources of such investment ; and

(e) the steps proposed to obtain and utilise such capital for this purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH)

(a) to (c): Department of Food Processing Industrieshas initiated action for formulating a National Food Processing Policyand for this purpose a draft Policy has been prepared. It is envisaged that for increasing the processing capacity in fruitand vegetable sector alone from 2% to 10% of annual production over a period of 10 years, the investment would be approximately Rs. 1,40,000 crores.

(d): The substantial investment will have to come mainly from private sources.

(e): A task force has been constituted by the Department of Food Processing Industries. The functions envisagedfor the Task Force include inter alia the steps required for boosting such investment from domestic as well as foreign sources.